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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL AND U.S. ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDINGS ON
MOTOR VEHICLES

REF: (A) GENEVA 7159 (B) GENEVA 7130

1. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMED US PRIVATELY THAT IT HAS
INFORMATION EC IS LIKELY TO RAISE SUBJECT ISSUE AT
SEPTEMBER 25 GATT COUNCIL UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS".

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2. SECRETARIAT ALSO REPORTS EC CONSIDERING REQUESTING ON

SAME OCCASION THAT GATT ANTIDUMPING COMMITTEE BE CALLED INTO EARLY SESSION. GROUNDS WOULD BE THAT U.S. PROCEEDINGS ON AUTOS DEAL WITH QUESTION OF - AS ANTIDUMPING CODE PUTS IT - (NON) FURTHERANCE OF OBJECTIVES OF CODE.

SECRETARIAT NOTES THAT WHILE PRACTICE HAS BEEN FOR COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CASES DURING YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, ARTICLE 17 OF CODE APPEARS LEAVE WAY OPEN FOR COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CURRENT CASES.

3. ABBOTT OF EC COMMISSION (BRUSSELS), WHO IS HANDLING MATTER, WILL RETURN GENEVA WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22-26; WE WILL QUERY HIM RE EC INTENTIONS THEN. HOWEVER, AS MATTER MIGHT WELL BE LEFT NEBULOUS, URGE THAT WE BE PREPARED.

4. IF U.S. PLANS AT COUNCIL TO RESIST CALL FOR EARLY SESSION OF ANTIDUMPING COMMITTEE, WE MAY HAVE TO BE PREPARED ON THE SPOT TO DEFEND U.S. USE OF "INDUSTRY" IN RELATION ARTICLE 4 OF CODE SINCE THIS PARTICULAR COUNCIL SESSION HAS BEEN CALLED BY U.S. FOR TIMELY RESOLUTION OF A TRADE DISPUTE (REFTEL (B)), WE WOULD BE AT DISADVANTAGE RESISTING EC APPEAL FOR "TIMELY" MEETING OF ANTIDUMPING COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS A TRADE ISSUE. EC DOUBTLESS AWARE OF THIS.

5. THEREFORE SUGGEST WE INITIALLY RESIST "EARLY" OR "SPECIAL" SESSION OF COMMITTEE BUT IF THIS PROVES AWKWARD GO AHEAD AND ACCEPT "NORMAL" MEETING OF COMMITTEE SOMETIME IN CUSTOMARY MONTH OF OCTOBER (INSTEAD OF THE LATER SCHEDULING THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROPOSED FOR THIS YEAR). U.S. COULD SAY OUR WILLINGNESS AGREE TO "NORMAL" SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER DOES NOT CONSTITUTE INDICATION THAT ANY U.S. PRACTICE IS INCONSISTENT WITH CODE. DALE

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